

Capacity Meeting Summary

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1. Resource Discussion:

- a. Guaranteed Funding from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
 - i. State Energy Programs – provides funding for all State Energy Programs
 - 1. OEI will receive Iowa's share
 - ii. Energy Efficiency Block Grants – provides funding to state and local governments for energy efficiency improvements
 - 1. Larger cities and counties will receive funding from DOE directly
 - 2. Smaller cities and counties will receive funding from OEI
 - iii. Energy Efficiency Rebates – provides funding to OEI for rebates
 - 1. Funds are to be used to provide consumers with rebates to replace old appliances with Energy Star products.
- b. Competitive Funding from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
 - i. Transmission infrastructure: \$11 billion
 - ii. Loan guarantees for Renewable Energy and Advanced Biofuels: \$6 billion
 - iii. Fossil Energy Research and Development: \$3.4 billion
 - iv. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Research and Development: \$2 billion
 - v. Advanced Batteries and Components manufacturing: \$2 billion
 - vi. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Career Training: \$500 million
 - vii. Clean Cities Program for Alternative Fuel Vehicles: \$300 million
 - viii. Diesel emissions reduction loans and grants: \$300 million

2. Barriers:

- a. Short timeline from federal government will require fast-tracking by state entities.
- b. We should use existing systems where possible.
- c. Establish clear criteria: federal government will provide some, but OEI will have to establish others.
- d. General industry training in most current energy efficiency practices may be necessary.
- e. General economic hardships will hinder bank loans for some potential matching requirements
 - i. Credit issues may hinder process.
- f. Distribution systems will need to be reviewed to provide quick turn-around.

3. Next Steps:

- a. Identify Potential Project Areas in public and private sectors:
 - i. Review projects that have already been audited, but have not started due to economic climate.
- b. Consider targeting upgrades and improvements in building efficiencies.
- c. Consider other facilities with backlog of projects
- d. Establish criteria
- e. Establish Task forces in the following areas:
 - i. Criteria and Compliance – establishing a process and measurements for applications
 - ii. Financial – determining the best way to allocate funds
 - iii. Outreach – communicating with public and private sector to determine potential projects
 - iv. Capacity Training – establishing a certification/accreditation program

